

12 May 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Release of Findings on Ruble Defense Costs

1. I propose we release our findings on ruble costs of the Soviet defense program in two increments beginning with briefings for senior Executive Branch officials this week. Both classified and unclassified printed versions would be released on Tuesday, May 18.

2. The schedule:

Thursday, May 13

STATINTL	11:30	Briefing for the DCI, Mr. Knoche and <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	DCI's office
	3:00	Briefing for Messrs. Ellsworth, Marshall, and Latimer	Pentagon
	Afternoon	Alerting Oversight Committees that material will be delivered to them on Tuesday. (No substance to be provided on May 13.)	

Friday, May 14

11:00	Briefing for Messrs. Scowcroft, Hyland, and NSC Staff	NSC Offices
3:00	Briefing for Secretary Rumsfeld	Pentagon

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Lt. Gen. E. F. Tighe, Jr.
Acting Director
Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Gene:

After reading your letter of 30 April concerning our work on ruble costs of Soviet defense programs, Mr. Bush asked me to respond and to tell you that he is pleased to learn about the cooperation and discussions between CIA and DIA on this matter.

I have told Mr. Bush about our phone conversation of last week on this subject and about the briefings we are arranging for the Secretary of Defense and others in the Department. I have assured him that our forthcoming report will have a strong statement about the interim nature of the results presented and the need for further study.

As I told you on the phone, we will give a preliminary copy of the report to your representatives on the CIA/DIA Military Costing Review Board.

Sincerely,



Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Tuesday, May 18

Afternoon Distribution of both secret and unclassified
versions to:


House Armed Services
House Appropriations
House International Relations
Senate Armed Services
Senate Appropriations
Senate Foreign Relations
Joint Economic Committee (Senator Proxmire)
Congressional Budget Office

We should provide Representative Aspin with the unclassified version only and direct him to the House Armed Services Committee if he wishes to see the classified version.

3. The House Armed Services Committee may wish to release the unclassified version to the press. This was done with the dollar paper and caused no problem. There should be none with this one.

4. I will see that Angus Thuermer has copies of the unclassified version to use in response to press queries Tuesday afternoon. We also can arrange to provide a background briefing to interested reporters upon their request. I would prefer that such a briefing not be billed as a press conference and that we set a time when the briefer will be available and invite those who express an interest to attend if they wish.

5. We are putting the unclassified version into the Document Expediting Project of the Library of Congress, which will service non-governmental entities interested in obtaining copies.


EDWARD W. PROCTOR

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12 APR 1973

Honorable William Proxmire, Chairman
Subcommittee on Priorities and
Economy in Government
Joint Economic Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my testimony before your Subcommittee last year, I noted that CIA was still working on the estimate of trends in the ruble costs of Soviet defense programs. This is to inform you that our work is progressing well and that we expect to publish the results some time in the first two weeks of May. Because of your interest in this topic, you will receive a copy of the report as soon thereafter as possible.

Sincerely,



Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

18 APR 1976

Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Budget
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert T. Ellsworth
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Deputy Secretary of Defense

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Attached for your information are copies of letters I have sent to two Senators about the timing of our long-awaited report on Soviet defense expenditures in rubles. Other people interested in the subject in both houses will also be informed.

Mr. Bush asked me to do this. By informing these people well in advance, he hopes to avoid the charge that the timing of the publication is in some way associated with any currently unforeseen budgetary or political events which may occur at the time of publication.

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Edward W. Proctor
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Date 12 April 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Andrew Marshall
Director of Net Assessment
Department of Defense

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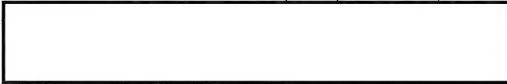
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